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## CHEER TEDDY

While Delegates Nominate Taft For President.

and Hisses Greet The Machine's Work.

Republican Put Through The Slate At Chicago.

ACK OF ENTHUSIASM MARKED.

With 15,000 spectators groaning and hissing and 702 delegates cheering themselves hoarse, the Republican National Convention nominated Wm. H. Taft for President of the United States.

The convention met at 10 o'clock and Taft was nominated seven hours later. From first to last it was a Roosevelt demonstration. When Ohio was called for its nomination the Taft men gave the signal and the delegates paraded through the hall. Two immense portraits of Secretary Taft were produced by Ohio delegates. Several State delegations stood on chairs and yelled. A little girl was hoisted on a delegate's shoulder and waved a Taft flag. The delegates yelled, but the spectators sat silent. Burton made his speech placing Taft in nomination. The delegates again paraded around. Then there were more speeches seconding the nomination. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, made a long talk for Fairbanks. He was jerked off the presiding officer's stand. When these preliminaries had been accomplished Lodge announced that the vote would be taken.

"Give Us Teddy."

Suddenly there was an uproar extending from one end to the other of the Coliseum. On the south end a man made his appearance waving a lithograph of Theodore Roosevelt. "Teddy, Teddy, give us Teddy."

The huge assembly caught up the cry. Delegates were pelted with paper balls from the galleries, shrieked at by women occupants, contemptuously referred to by men.

"Clear the galleries," shouted the delegates to Chairman Lodge. Lodge brought his gavel down on the presiding officer's desk. It could not be heard twenty feet off. The Roosevelt enthusiasm was in full swing. For nearly an hour it kept up, then there was a brief pause.

"The secretary will call for the vote of Alabama," announced Chairman Lodge.

"Alabama casts its twenty-two votes for Taft," came from J. O. Thompson, the Collector of Internal Revenue at Birmingham, and the spokesman of the delegation.

No Break in the Machine.

It was all over then and there. Taft was as good as nominated. There was not a break in the machine. Three uninstructed delegates from Pennsylvania voted for Roosevelt. "Good boy, good; that's what we want," came from the gallery. There were more cheers of Roosevelt. The machine resumed its work. Wyoming was called, voted for Taft, and the secretaries proceeded to foot up the total, and Chairman Lodge announced Taft nominated. The delegates cheered lustily enough, but the people in the galleries proceeded to get out of convention by the nearest exits. There was never at a national convention less enthusiasm for a winning candidate than was manifested toward Taft. Probably no man ever had occasion to be the recipient of the sincere, spontaneous expression of indorsement accorded to Roosevelt by the voters of his party—the men in the gallery.

## NO BOOKMAKING AT LATONIA TRACK.

LEXINGTON, KY., June 19.—(Special)—The State Racing Commission, at a meeting here today, refused to allow the Latonia race track to return to the old system of book-making, and directed the sheriff of the county to see to it that no betting be allowed by that plan. The Commission decided that the Pari-mutuels are legal, and betting can be conducted by that system, but the bookmakers will not be allowed to do business. The Commission made a cut in the purses.

Governor Approves.

Acting Governor Cox says the State Government is ready to back up the Commission in trying to stop book-making at Latonia, and says that he approves of what was done by the Commission.

## Floyd Byrd Quits Race For Congress.

A. Floyd Byrd, who has been the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the 10th district has withdrawn from the race. The reason assigned is that his private affairs demand so much of his attention that he has not time to make a canvass. He was the contending candidate for the nomination at the last convention and was thought to have the nomination assured this time. The other announced candidates are G. Lee Wainwright, a manufacturer of Winchester, and Judge Amos Davis, of Morgan county.

## FEW GOVERNORS GO TO PRISON

To See How Convicts Are Treated and Fare.

Gov. Blackburn Set Precedent For Gov. Cox.

STORY OF PARDON OF A CRIPPLE.

They are telling stories now about Governor Blackburn, since Acting Governor Cox visited the penitentiary and talked to the convicts. It is said that Governor Blackburn used to do things like that, and that he was the only man who ever did it. He would go to the prison and see for himself how things were there, and he would talk to the convicts so that he could see how they looked. They tell a story about like this.

Three strong men were on their way from the depot to the penitentiary one morning, with a part of a man. The man had only one leg and one arm and one eye. He was not strong at best. A man stepped up to the guards and said:

"Does it take three men to take that poor cripple to the penitentiary?" Somewhat surlily the men said it did; that the law allowed them to get the fees for taking a convict to the prison and they intended getting it. They did not see, anyhow, what business it was of the man who was asking the questions.

"So you are willing to put your county to the additional expense, just because the law allows you to do it?" asked the man.

"We certainly are going to get all the fees that are coming to us," replied the guards. "What the devil business of yours is it?"

"Well, I am Gov. Blackburn and I have need for that man. You turn round now and take him back to the depot. I am going to set him free."

Gov. Blackburn, the man who had been asking the questions, then went back to the Governor's office and wrote out a pardon for the crippled prisoner. The man was released before the train back to his home town arrived, and he went back on the train with the men who had been his guards, but went as a free man.

## ALL TO HOLD ON.

of Committees Will Lose Out

Under The New Rule Against Office-Holders.

Judge Hager Wrote In Clause Deciding Point.

MUCH MOOTED QUESTION SETTLED.

No member of the new Democratic Central and Executive Committees will lose his place on those committees by reason of office which he now holds, although, under the new rules, if he becomes a candidate for office, or accepts any office which is placed under the ban, he would forfeit his place on the committee to which he was elected. This is the construction placed on the new rules by Judge W. S. Hager, who was chairman of the committee on organization, which drafted the rules, and Judge Hager says it was the intention of the committee to make the rules so that no member of the committee would lose out by reason of the fact that he now holds office.

"From this date" is the clause which determines the whole thing and his was written into the rules by Judge Hager, after the rules had been typewritten and before they presented to the convention at Lexington. There had been some discussion of how this clause got into the rules and the question has been asked several times, "who wrote that into the rules?" Judge Hager said yesterday that he wrote the clause in and did it at the instance of the committee which prepared the rules. The clause, "after this date," applies to members of the committee who may become candidates for office or who are appointed to office and says they are ineligible, but "after this date" comes in and prevents the rule from eliminating some six members of the two committees.

Judge Hager says that the first intention of the committee was to frame the rules so that no man who holds office can be a member of either of the committees or any county or city committee but many men appeared before the committee on organization and urged that the present members who had been elected under the old rules should be allowed to serve out their terms. The committee then changed its mind and decided that the rules would be so framed as to permit the present members to hold their places.

The rule works queerly. Thomas Combs, who is a member of the State Central Committee, is a State Senator. He can hold both places, but if, for instance, M. J. Meagher, who is also a member of the committee, should even run for the Legislature he would have to resign as a member of the State Committee. However, that is the party law.

The new rule against office holding has caused much discussion and it has been contended that under the rules six or more members of the committee would have to resign. Judge Hager, who, as chairman of the committee on organization, should know what the intention of the committee was, says that nobody will lose and that the members of the committee, as elected in Lexington, will hold their places.

Judge Hager says that a motion was made, in the committee, that members of the Legislature be exempted from disqualification in the rule against office holders, but this was voted down by the committee.

## Teachers Send Out Thousands Of Cards.

SOUVENIR POSTALS OF FRANKFORT.

Souvenir postal cards have gone out of Frankfort by the thousands this week. The Kentucky Educational Association has been holding its meetings here and the teachers have been working the souvenir postals over time. There are so many things in Frankfort which work up well in souvenir postal cards. Frankfort's drug stores and many other places keep a big supply, but they were almost bought out by the teachers. The old State house and the new capitol were the favorites, and there was a strong demand for cards, showing these places. Scenes connected with the killing of William Goebel are also popular on account of the pardoning of Powers and Howard, and the cards almost swamped the men in the postoffice. The teachers came here in force and they were out for a good time, mainly, also they wanted to communicate with friends at home and the postal cards were easy.

## SOLDIERS SHOOT.

Repulse Attack By Night Riders In Bracken.

MAJOR WEBB BELIEVES ONE OR MORE MEN WERE WOUNDED IN FIGHT.

Several night riders may have been wounded and a body of them was repulsed by the soldiers in an attack which was made on the house of Louis Kinney, in Bracken county, in which against the night riders. The soldiers who were on guard at Kinney's house fired several volleys at the riders and it is believed that several were badly wounded and carried off by their comrades.

The news of the clash between the soldiers and the night riders came to Frankfort in a report from Major Webb, who is in command of the soldiers now on duty in Bracken county. Maj. Webb said in his report that a band of men went to Kinney's house about midnight and attempted to take him from his home.

They never had a chance to carry out their intentions, as the soldiers who have been guarding Kinney's home, in anticipation of an attack on him, promptly began shooting as soon as they saw the night riders, who fled. Major Webb says he has reason to believe that the bullets fired by the soldiers found human marks.

Louis Kinney is a brother of the prosecuting attorney in Bracken county and has made a determined effort to bring to justice the men who have been raiding in Bracken county. Kinney says that he will tell the next grand jury the names of many men who have been on raids with the night riders and believes that he has sufficient evidence to convict every man. Kinney recently was whipped by a band of the night riders.

Excitement in Shelby.

Residents of the Jacksonville neighborhood, in Shelby county, near the Franklin county line, where Newton Hazlett was killed several weeks ago, are much excited and it is feared that serious trouble may result. There were found on the front porch of Wm. Thompson, a son of Col. W. E. Thompson, a prominent member of the Burley Tobacco Society, a box of matches, a bottle of poison and a bundle of switches. A note said that Thompson had better leave within ten days or suffer the consequences. The note was signed "L. and O. L." the initials of the Law and Order League. It is feared that there may be a mild sort of civil war in that neighborhood. Troops are still on duty in that section.

Miss Mary Timberlake, of Winchester came Thursday to spend the summer with Mr. Wm. H. Hoge and family.

## TAFT'S DESIRES

Were The Ernst Should Be Beaten.

Was Opposed To Him As National Committeeman.

Democrats May Agree In Congressional Race.

POLITICAL GOSSIP IN LOUISVILLE.

(Special Correspondence.)

LOUISVILLE, KY., June 18.—It must have been a rude awakening for Richard P. Ernst, of Covington, when he went to Chicago and found that the rollers had been nicely adjusted by a certain faction of his Republican brethren, and that it was being planned to shunt him into oblivion. He went up there fully expecting to be advanced to the Republican Sanhedrim, otherwise the Republican National Committee. It looked like a cinch during the State convention in Louisville. It looked like a cinch up to the time the committee met in Chicago with Frank Fisher, the Paducah Postmaster, went with a committeeman bee in his bonnet. It just happens that I was wise to the wisdom of the affair a few days before the public was expected to know about it. It amused me considerably to see the claims of Mr. Ernst that Hitchcock was for him; that he was going to tell Hitchcock on Mr. Fisher if Frank didn't quit opposing him and that he would appeal to his friends, Charley and Bill Taft, if he wasn't elected forthwith. It was these things "that were to laugh." As a matter of fact, Hitchcock was for Fisher all the time. I also have it from the inside that Mr. Taft, THE Mr. Taft, was against Mr. Ernst. I was not told why he was against Mr. Ernst but more than a week ago I was told that it was Mr. Taft's desire that Mr. Ernst not be elected committeeman from Kentucky. Senator-elect Bradley was also against Ernst. Mr. Bradley and Judge Burnam, who gathered in the grapes, were not on the very best of terms, it will be remembered, so I am unable to figure it out whether the new Senator would regard the outcome as a victory or not. I am inclined to believe that the joy at defeating Ernst is more than compensation for the election of Judge Burnam.

I understand that nothing will be done in Louisville about nominating for Congress in this district until after the national convention. There are two candidates, Swager Sherley and Herman Newcomb, the latter well and favorably known to the citizens of Frankfort by reason of his having been a member of the Legislature for two terms. I am inclined to believe from what I hear that an effort will be made to get one or the other to retire from the race and leave the field free to the other. In the general harmony scheme this would be a most desirable consummation. I am afraid if the two engage in a primary or a convention it would be bitterly fought and would do the party in this district no particular good. I also believe that both the candidates recognize this and that they will lend themselves to reason.

The Hon. Henry R. Prewitt, Chairman of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees, was in Louisville this week and announced that he would call his committees together after the national convention and prepare for the coming campaign by the election of a campaign committee. The committees will meet in Louisville and permanent headquarters will be selected, probably in this city. Mr. Prewitt is very sanguine

of the success of the party this fall and his sentiments are heartily agreed with by the Democrats in Louisville. The Democrats of this city, by the way, are going to the Denver convention in force. It is likely that several hundred will be on the special train out of this city. They are going to shout for W. J. Bryan and enthrone over him and they are coming back to put some of their enthusiasm in their fellow Democrats who are compelled to stay at home.

National Committeeman Urey Woodson, when he passed through Louisville this week for Chicago, said it was a shame that Ollie James, the big First District Congressman, had tied himself up so that he couldn't accept the temporary chairmanship of the Democratic National Convention at Denver. Ollie could have the place if he would only give the word. He refused the honor, as a matter of fact, when it was offered to him, saying he had committed himself to Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama. There is some talk of making Ollie permanent chairman, and this may be done. Kentucky will loom largely in the Denver convention, showing up in great contrast with the delegation from this State to Chicago, where every one was at every other member's throat.

It's pretty early to talk about nominees for Mayor in Louisville, but I see that a Democratic club down in the Eleventh ward has indorsed Owen Tyler for the nomination a year hence.

INSIDER.

## NAME SHERMAN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

Republican Convention Makes Quick Work.

Selects New York Congressman On First Ballot.

RESULT NEVER IN ANY DOUBT.

It will be Taft and Sherman. Congressman James S. Sherman, of New York, was nominated as the Republican candidate for Vice-President, by the Republican National Convention in Chicago. The nomination was made on the first ballot, and there was no question as to the result when the balloting began. Mr. Sherman was put in nomination by Timothy Woodruff.

The allies plead for one crumb and were solidly in favor of the nomination of Representative Sherman for the Vice-Presidency. They told the Taft leaders that the nomination of the New York man would strengthen the ticket, heal some of the bruises inflicted by the Hitchcock machine, and insure the electoral vote of the Empire State to the Republican party.

The New York delegation met on Thursday and indorsed Sherman. The States of most of the allies did the same thing.

Sherman was the only avowed candidate for the place. He was supported by Cannon, Payne, Dalzell and the House organization and every other Republican member of Congress in Chicago.

GOVERNOR GOES TO BOSTON.

Gov. Augustus Willson and Mrs. Willson left Sunday night for Chicago, where the governor will attend the National Republican Convention, after which the governor will go to Boston to attend the closing exercises of Harvard, of which university Gov. Willson was graduated thirty-nine years ago. He and Mrs. Willson will be the guests of President Eliot and Mrs. Eliot of Harvard, and will be entertained by them. One of the features of the closing exercises will be the conferring of the degree of LL. D. on Governor Willson.

Rev. J. W. Harvey, the noted evangelist of Crayton, Ky., began a revival service at the Bellepoint Chapel last evening at 8 o'clock, which will continue during the next ten days.